

# DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY HEADQUARTERS, AREA II SUPPORT ACTIVITY UNIT #15333 APO AP 96205-5333

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#### COMMAND POLICY # 5 - 15

### MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Human Trafficking and Prostitution within Off-Post Entertainment Districts

# 1. References:

- a. Memorandum, Deputy Secretary of Defense, 30 January 2004, Subject: Combating Trafficking in Persons in the DOD
- b. Memorandum, FKCS, 16 Sep 04, Subject: Prostitution within Off Post Entertainment Districts.
- c. Memorandum, FKCC, 13 Sep 04, Subject : United States Forces Korea Command Values and principles.
  - d. USFK Reg 190-2, Off Limits Areas and Establishments, 7 May 2004
  - e. Area II Command Policy #5-12, Area II Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board, 21 July 2005.
- 2. <u>PURPOSE</u>: To address the issue of human trafficking and prostitution in Area II off post entertainment districts.
- 3. <u>APPLICABILITY</u>: This policy applies to all individuals covered under the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) that reside within Area II.

# 4. GENERAL:

- a. USFK does not condone or support the illegal activities of human trafficking and prostitution. We are visitors in Korea and as such, are required to respect Korean laws and culture.
- b. The Area II Support Activity, in conjunction with the Area II Provost Marshal, have asked the Korean National Police to look into the illegal practices of human trafficking and prostitution in the areas surrounding Area II U.S. military installations. Accordingly, Korean National Police and Military Police are identifying businesses that support, harbor, or in any way sanction human trafficking or prostitution. U.S. SOFA personnel apprehended for

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violating Koran law, including participation in illegal activities such as prostitution, are subject to prosecution in Korean courts. This means that your SOFA card will not protect you, if apprehended.

- c. When credible evidence of this illegal activity is presented, of when allegations are made against a particular activity, a thorough investigation will be conducted and results presented to the Area II Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board. If the allegation(s) is verified, appropriate action will be taken, e.g., to place the establishment "Off Limits" to USFK personnel due to these illegal activities.
- d. Human trafficking and prostitution are a serious concern to all members of the United States Forces Korea. The repercussions of such activities have a direct impact on combat readiness, service member/family morale, and the safety and health of our service members. Commanders at all levels must take an active role in ensuring our service members remain safe and do not violate Korean law.
- e. Area II commanders, activity heads, directors, staff and agency heads, and those in leadership positions, will continuously re-enforce this policy memorandum through individual briefings, inclusion in leadership forums at all echelons of command, e.g., unit formations, NCO call, OPD sessions, and staff meetings.
- 5. Any questions regarding this policy should be addressed to the Commander, Area II Support Activity, Attention: Law & Order Office, 738-4361/4414.

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